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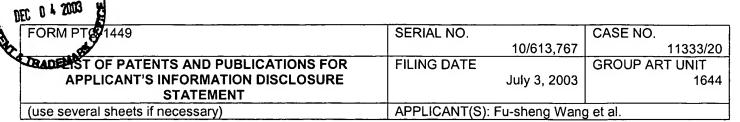
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	A1 <u>Sysmex XE-2100 Operator's Manual</u> , "Chapter 7 - Functional Description", Revised January 2003, 38 pages.				

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